

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
SAVANNAH DIVISION

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| RAYMOND EDWARDS,         | ) |                    |
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| Petitioner,              | ) |                    |
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| v.                       | ) | CASE NO. CV421-183 |
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| CHATHAM COUNTY DETENTION | ) |                    |
| CENTER,                  | ) |                    |
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| Respondent.              | ) |                    |
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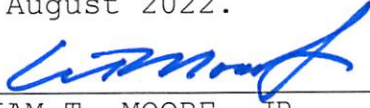
Before the Court is the Magistrate Judge's July 18, 2022, Report and Recommendation (Doc. 4), to which Petitioner has not filed objections. After a careful review of the record,<sup>1</sup> the Report and Recommendation (Doc. 4) is **ADOPTED** as the Court's opinion in this case. As a result, this action is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**. See Gore v. Crews, 720 F.3d 811, 815 (11th Cir. 2013) (per curiam) ("If a petitioner fails to exhaust his state remedies, a district court must dismiss the petition without prejudice to allow for such exhaustion." (citations omitted)). The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to close this case.

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<sup>1</sup> The Court reviews de novo a magistrate judge's findings to which a petitioner objects, and the Court reviews for clear error the portions of a report and recommendation to which a petitioner does not object. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); see Merchant v. Nationwide Recovery Serv., Inc., 440 F. Supp. 3d 1369, 1371 (N.D. Ga. 2020) (outlining the standard of review for report and recommendations (citing Macort v. Prem, Inc., 208 F. App'x 781, 784 (11th Cir. 2006) (per curiam))).

Applying the Certificate of Appealability (COA) standards set forth in Brown v. United States, Nos. 407CV085, 403CR001, 2009 WL 307872, at \*1 (S.D. Ga. Feb. 9, 2009), the Court discerns no COA-worthy issues at this stage of the litigation, so no COA should issue either. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1); Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings in the United States District Courts ("The district court must issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final order adverse to the applicant.").

SO ORDERED this 8th day of August 2022.

  
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WILLIAM T. MOORE, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA